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(54) BIOLOGICAL FLUID COLLECTION DEVICE

(57) A biological fluid collection device that produces a stabilized biological sample with head-to-tail uniformity through the capturing of a high concentration front and subsequent redistribution of the high concentration front throughout a biological fluid is disclosed. The biological fluid collection device includes an inline mixer used for head-to-tail mixing of a concentrated flow front. The mix-

ing is achieved via a two-stage process. First, a front fraction of the flow is captured within a centered mixing chamber via capillary assisted flow action. Second, the captured front volume is then slowly released throughout a small exit hole and recombined with the rest of the flow volume that was diverted around the centered mixer chamber.

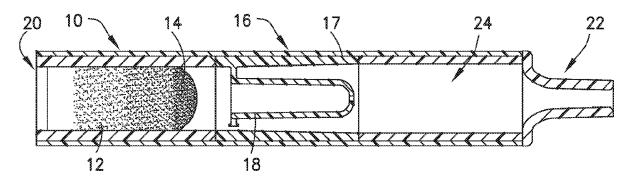


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